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INSTRUCTION DECODE AND
ALIGNMENT USING
PREVIOUS INSTRUCTION
LENGTH

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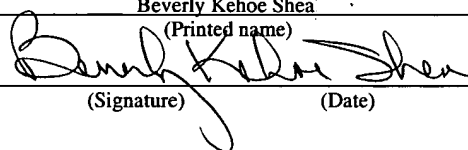
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment and reconsider the present application in view of the remarks below, in connection with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.